

the chemical weapons treaty's inspection procedures were negotiated, agency experts were forced to stay home due to the lack of travel funds.

The central mission of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency is to reduce nuclear stockpiles here and in Russia; to put an end to nuclear testing around the world; and to outlaw poison gas forever. The agency complements the work of the Pentagon by trying to remove the threats to national security through negotiated, verifiable agreements.

The nature of the nuclear threat has changed since the end of the Cold War. It is difficult to police or detect activity: Witness the mortifying prospect that as little as a kilogram of plutonium or weapon-grade uranium could fall into the hands of terrorists targeting U.S. cities.

The nation needs an adequately funded arms control agency to minimize these threats.

TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF MIAMI'S UNSUNG HEROINES

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 1996

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to join, once again, with the citizens of the city of Miami in honoring the 1996 Unsung Heroines. Each year the city of Miami Commission on the Status of Women commemorates National Women's History Month by recognizing and honoring women who care to share their time by helping others through volunteerism.

This year, I join the city of Miami in saluting the 1996 Unsung Heroines:

Marilyn S. Bloom—a retired preschool and elementary schoolteacher, who is also an enthusiastic advocate for senior citizens and intergenerational programming in Dade County.

Dr. Castell V. Bryant—an educator for over 30 years and currently the interim president of Miami Dade Community College—Wolfson Campus. Dr. Bryant has been deeply committed to programs that help instill pride, build self-esteem and improve family life for inner-city youth.

Doris Emerson—a dedicated volunteer and board member in the Girl Scouts, the Quaker religion, and in the fields of mental health and education.

Dr. Carmen Gonzalez—an untiring chef and creator of Feeding the Mind Foundation, a scholarship for battered women. Dr. Gonzalez has chaired numerous fundraisers for Camillus House, and has actively promoted "Extra Helpings" a program that supplies meals for the homeless.

Cindy Lerner—the codesigner of a program titled "Teenage Dating Violence: Intervention and Prevention," that provides curriculum and training for educating youths about the dynamics of domestic violence.

Dr. Ann Moliver Ruben—developed programs for Dade County teachers to help combat gender inequities, and has provided voluntary psychotherapy for rape victims.

Alvia Palmer-Michel—a volunteer at the Children's Home Society, a board member of Florida Legal Services, and a courageous and dedicated advocate for AIDS awareness. She has risen through personal struggles to offer

comfort, education and hope to parents of children with AIDS.

Kathleen Sweeney and Denise Nerette—as members of the Haitian Task Force on Domestic Violence they have collaborated in promulgating domestic violence in Miami's Haitian Community.

Christina Zawisza—a child advocate and the founding member of the Florida Foster Care Review Project, who has dedicated her untiring efforts for children in need.

Marcela Viola—is the first unsung student to be honored. She attends Miami Beach Senior High School, and has dedicated time to helping children help themselves, while maintaining superior grade averages in advanced classes.

COPE Schools—Continuing Opportunities for Purposeful Education is the first program to be honored. The two schools, "North" and "South," through their dedicated principals, Dorothy Wallace and Dr. Williams Perry, have, through education, improved the quality of life to single teenage mothers and their children.

It is said that Miami is the only major city in the United States to have been created by the inspiration of a woman—Julia Tuttle. It is today that we honor women who follow that inspiration.

TRIBUTE TO MARGIE MONTES, PIO PICO WOMAN'S CLUB 1996 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 1996

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I rise to pay tribute to Margie Montes, Pio Pico Woman's Club 1996 Woman of the Year. Mrs. Montes has earned this distinctive recognition through her active involvement in our community.

Mrs. Montes became an active member of our community at a very early age, participating in sports while attending Assumption Grammar School. Later, at Our Lady of Loretto High School, Margie began showing her leadership abilities as captain of the tennis team and as yearbook editor. When she graduated in 1979, she was awarded the Bank of America Award for Home Economics. Currently, she is an executive manager for Tupperware where she has received numerous awards of recognition for her performance.

Her contributions extend throughout our community. She is currently president of the Soroptimist of Pico Rivera, where she has also held the positions of first and second vice president. She is also a member of the Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce, where she serves on the board of directors.

She has been a member of the Pio Pico Woman's Club since 1991. For the past 2 years, she has served as chairperson for the Pio Pico Woman's Club's annual Christmas with Santa Claus dinner, as well as chairperson for the international dinner and pasta nights. She has also chaired the Dessert Fashion Show. She has selflessly contributed her time above and beyond expectations to these events, making wreaths and arranging baskets as door prizes.

In addition to all of her contributions to our community through her membership in various

organizations, Mrs. Montes is a loving mother and is as devoted to her family life as she is to her community.

Mrs. Montes has proven herself to be deserving of this award. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this year's Pio Pico Woman's Club woman of the year, Margie Montes.

BEST OF LUCK TO COMDR. SEAN P. SULLIVAN

HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 1996

Mr. WATTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly outstanding naval officer, Comdr. Sean P. Sullivan, U.S. Navy, who has served with distinction as Deputy Director of the House of Representatives' Navy Legislative Liaison Office. It is a privilege for me to recognize his many outstanding achievements and commend him for the superb service he has provided to this legislative body and to our great Nation as a whole.

A native of Bridgeport, CT, Commander Sullivan received his commission from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. He was commissioned as an ensign in May, 1980. Commander Sullivan then completed a rigorous nuclear propulsion training program and submarine officers basic course.

Following this initial training, Commander Sullivan reported to his first ship, U.S.S. *Plunger*, SSN-595. While on U.S.S. *Plunger*, Commander Sullivan served as reactor control assistant, main propulsion assistant, and weapons officer.

Completing a successful tour on U.S.S. *Plunger*, Commander Sullivan was selected to return to his alma mater, the U.S. Naval Academy, as a company officer. In this vital role, Commander Sullivan was charged with the training of our future naval officers.

All great naval officers can't wait to get back to sea and Commander Sullivan is no exception to that rule. Following his tour at the Naval Academy he reported to U.S.S. *Chicago*, SSN-721, where he served as the ship's engineer. While on U.S.S. *Chicago*, Commander Sullivan served in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Completing his tour aboard U.S.S. *Chicago*, Commander Sullivan reported to the staff of Submarine Group 11 where he served as the squadron engineer. In May 1993, Commander Sullivan again returned to sea duty serving as the executive officer of U.S.S. *Maryland*, SSBN-738.

Due to his demonstrated sustained outstanding performance, Commander Sullivan was handpicked to report to his current job upon completion of his tour on U.S.S. *Maryland*. During his tenure at the Legislative Affairs Office, Commander Sullivan has provided the members of the House National Security Committee, our professional and personal staffs, as well as many of you seated here today, with superior support regarding Navy plans and programs. His valuable contributions have enabled Congress and the Department of the Navy to work closely together to ensure our naval forces are well equipped and superbly trained.

Mr. Speaker, Sean Sullivan, his wife Sharon, and their four children, Amy, Casey, Kelly,